

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Before the paragraph starting at page 1, line 12, please insert the following heading:

-- Description of the Related Art --

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 30, line 13 as follows:

As described above, according to the present invention, the rubber layer of the electroconductive rubber roller is made of the ionic-conductive rubber depending on ions and contains the [[fff]] weak electroconductive carbon black or the calcium carbonate treated with the fatty acid as the dielectric loss tangent-adjusting filler to reduce the dielectric loss tangent of the rubber roller to the above-described range. Thus it is possible to make the electric resistance of the rubber roller uniform and control the electrostatic property of the toner. Thereby the rubber roller is allowed to show preferable charging characteristic. Thus when the electroconductive rubber roller is used as the development roller, the development roller is capable of keeping the charged quantity of the toner present on its surface at a high level before the toner contacts the photosensitive member.